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MCRGO is the largest state-based CPL training organization in Michigan.

When discussion of constitutional concealed carry first started, our members and instructors expressed some of the same concerns about the lack of training that we hear from opponents of the bills.

In researching the issue, we spoke with other state organizations and NRA instructors in states that have already passed constitutional carry such as Idaho where it became law in 2016 and Arizona which adopted it in 2010.

What we discovered is that constitutional carry, rather than discouraging training, actually increases the number of people seeking pistol safety instruction.

Constitutional carry increases public interest in carry outside in the home.

Some people take training voluntarily to become more responsible gun owners.

Many others take it to obtain a concealed pistol license which provides benefits such as out of state reciprocity and exemptions from some gun free zones.

In Michigan, where we do not require a license for open carry, the great majority of people who open carry already seek out training and receive a concealed pistol license.

MCRGO strongly supports this package because we recognize that it will increase the number of people seeking training leading to more responsible gun ownership and safer communities.

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